



Town of Mashpee

*16 Great Neck Road N.
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649*

FINANCE COMMITTEE – PUBLIC SESSION
Mashpee High School, Administrative Conference Room
Monday, May 2, 2016 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 31, 2016

OLD BUSINESS

- Review of Recommendations to be made at the May Town Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen – Review of Town Meeting Warrant

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

- This space is reserved for topics that the Chairman could not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

UPCOMING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

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Present: David DelPonte, Terrie Cook, Oskar Klenert, Mike Richardson, Jeffrey Pettengill
Absent: Chris Avis

Attendees: Selectman Cahalane, Selectman Sherman, Selectman Gottlieb,
Selectman O'Hara, Selectman Cotton
Town Manager Rodney C. Collins
Town Counsel Patrick Costello
Town Moderator Jeremy Carter
Assistant Town Moderator Ed Larkin

Meeting Called to Order by Vice-Chairman DelPonte at 6:01 p.m.
Mashpee High School, Administrative Conference Room

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen - Review of Town Meeting Warrant:

The Finance Committee met in joint convention with members of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of reviewing matters associated to the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants of Monday, May 2, 2016. Additional attendees included the Town Manager, Rodney C. Collins, Town Counsel, Patrick Costello and Jeremy Carter, the Town Moderator. Ed Larkin, the Assistant Town Moderator was also present for discussion purposes.

Special Town Meeting Warrant:

Article #5: CPC – Three-Year Housing Assistance Program:

There were several issues with respect to the Community Preservation article proposed to fund the Mashpee Housing Assistance Program, a CPA award of \$330,000 for an additional three-year term. The Board of Selectmen previously recommended that a Memorandum of Understanding be developed between the Town of Mashpee and the Mashpee Housing Authority in an effort to provide transparency and to authorize the involvement of Town's Human Services Director in the application and review process as well as serving as a co-signatory to release funds for this program. Town Counsel advised the MOU as it is currently written should be amended. However, the article as it is presented for the Housing Assistance Program should not be contingent upon the Memorandum of Understanding. In consultation with Stuart Saginor, the Director of the Community Preservation Coalition in Boston, this type of housing assistance program is encouraged, but there is no monitoring requirement in place. Concern was expressed with respect to oversight, and that state and federal monies should be applied for to offset costs and to provide assistance for this type of program.

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It was noted the Town of Chatham runs a similar program and the Town of Nantucket manages a successful housing assistance program under the direction of their local housing authority. Leila Botsford, the Executive Director of the Mashpee Housing Authority was not in attendance to further discuss this matter. It was noted the Finance Committee previously voted 5-0 with two members absent to not recommend this article.

In reviewing the article it was disclosed the vote of the Finance Committee is incorrectly stated. However, the vote is correct in the Finance Committee Report. The Finance Committee previously voted 5-0 with two members absent to not recommend this article.

Motion made by Selectman O'Hara to not recommend Special Town Meeting Article #5.
Motion seconded by Selectman Gottlieb.

VOTE: 3-2. Motion carries to not recommend Article #5.

Roll Call Vote:

Selectman Cahalane, yes	Selectman Sherman, no	Selectman Gottlieb, yes
Selectman O'Hara, yes	Selectman Cotton, no	Opposed, (2)

The Finance Committee by a previous vote of 5-0 does not recommend Article #5.

Article #10: CPC – Disc Golf Proposal:

The goal of this project is to construct an 18-hole Disc Golf Course at 156 Ashumet Road, Mashpee. This is a low environmental impact sport designed for passive recreation in a woodland setting. The sport is an emerging recreational activity intended to be open to all players and leagues.

There have been questions with respect to the site location as well as ongoing maintenance and parking concerns. At this time, the project has been deemed premature and additional information regarding this new sport is desired before it is considered to be implemented in the Town of Mashpee. On the Cape, there is only one other location for disc golf. The field is located at the Burgess Park in Marstons Mills.

Motion made by Selectman Gottlieb to recommend Indefinite Postponement of Article #10.
Motion seconded by Selectman Cahalane.

VOTE: 3-2. Motion carries to indefinitely postpone Article #10.

Roll Call Vote:

Selectman Cahalane, yes	Selectman Sherman, yes	Selectman Gottlieb, yes
Selectman O'Hara, no	Selectman Cotton, no	Opposed, (2)

In reviewing the article it was disclosed the vote of the Finance Committee is incorrectly stated. As it appears in the Finance Committee Report, the Finance Committee previously voted 5-0 with two members absent to not recommend this article. It was agreed that additional information is necessary for the disc golf program.

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Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

Petition Articles #21 & 22:

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have not taken a position on Petition Articles #21 & 22:

It was disclosed the Board of Selectman at their last meeting agreed to remit a letter to the Tribal Council inquiring on their official position as it relates to the referenced petition articles in the spirit of cooperation embodied by the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town and Tribe. It was disclosed that a letter was received last Friday. However, there was no answer to the question of the Tribe's official position on the petition articles.

Motion made by Selectman Gottlieb to vote on Petition Article #21 & #22.

Motion seconded by Selectman Cotton.

VOTE: Unanimous. 5-0 in opposition to Petition Article #21 & #22.

Roll Call Vote:

Selectman Cahalane, yes	Selectman Sherman, yes	Selectman Gottlieb, yes
Selectman O'Hara, yes	Selectman Cotton, yes	Opposed, none

Motion made by Mrs. Cook to oppose Petition Article #21 & #22.

Motion seconded by Mr. Richardson.

VOTE: Unanimous. 5-0-1.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Avis, absent	Mr. DelPonte, yes	Mrs. Cook, yes	
Mr. Richardson, yes	Mr. Klenert, yes	Mr. Pettengill, yes	Opposed, none

MINUTES

March 31, 2016:

Motion made by Mrs. Cook to approve the minutes of March 31, 2016 as presented.

Motion seconded by Mr. Richardson.

VOTE: Unanimous. 5-0-1.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Avis, absent	Mr. DelPonte, yes	Mrs. Cook, yes	
Mr. Richardson, yes	Mr. Klenert, yes	Mr. Pettengill, yes	Opposed, none

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Adjournment:

Motion made by Selectman Gottlieb to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Motion seconded by Selectman O'Hara.

VOTE: Unanimous. 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

Selectman Cahalane, yes	Selectman Sherman, yes	Selectman Gottlieb, yes
Selectman O'Hara, yes	Selectman Cotton, yes	Opposed, none

Motion made by Mrs. Cook to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Motion seconded by Mr. Richardson.

VOTE: Unanimous. 5-0-1.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Avis, absent	Mr. DelPonte, yes	Mrs. Cook, yes	
Mr. Richardson, yes	Mr. Klenert, yes	Mr. Pettengill, yes	Opposed, none

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Soares
Secretary to the Finance Committee